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1. The Soviet-Hungarian Navigation Association (MSRT) in Budapest will reopen Danube passenger service between Vienna and Belgrade and freight service between Vienna and Budapest on 1 April 1947. Two round trips will be made each week.
2. This traffic is being resumed without the consent either of the Austrian Government or of the Allied Control Council. The principle of "free flag rights", which is still valid, will be employed. The Soviets claim that they will be using "only Russian soil", which they apparently interpret as including the Soviet-occupied DDSG (Donaudampfschiffahrts-Gesellschaft) harbors in Austria.
3. The Austrian Government is less interested in the extent of the trade to be handled by the MSRT than in the fact that the Russians will be able to come up the Danube free of any control by the Austrian authorities.

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